Attorney Case No.: 108-028USANA0

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Continuation Application based on co-pending Application of:

Applicant Serial No.

Frank Check 09/816,642

Filing Date

March 23, 2001

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Washington, DC 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING THE FILING OF A CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR. 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under C.F.R. 1.53(b) of Application No. 09/816,642 entitled "Method of and System for Detecting and Correcting Mode Switching in Diffractive-Based Laser Scanning Systems" filed on March 23, 2001.

Applicant claims priority to the earlier effective filing date of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/816,642 filed March 23, 2001; said application being owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Enclosed is a true copy of Prior Application Serial No. 09/816,642 filed March 23, 2001 as originally filed and a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) verifying it.

Please amend said prior application in accordance with the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith. Applicant also submits twenty eight (28) sheets of Formal Drawings for entry in the present Application.

Power of Attorney is granted to Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., of Stamford, Connecticut. A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in parent Application 09/816,642 is enclosed herewith.

Please send all correspondence in connection to the present Application to:

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 9, 2003

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Transmitted herewith please find Twenty Eight (28) sheets of Formal Drawings to be filed in the above referenced Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests approval of proposed changes to Figs. 7(A), 8(A)(i), 8(B)(ii), 8(B)(ii), 8(D)(ii), 8(D)(ii) and 8(D)(iii) which are indicated in red ink on the sheets filed herewith.

Applicant also submits under a separate cover formalized drawings, which include the proposed changes, for entry in the present Application upon approval of the proposed changes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 9, 2003

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